

HISTORIC SITE  
SURVEY INVENTORY.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

AI-IV-010

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Greek Revival House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 400 Decatur Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Allegany		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: H. Lee Silcox, et ux				
STREET AND NUMBER: 400 Decatur Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

212-133  
317-102  
313-567

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

400 Decatur Street stands on the westerly side of the street at the intersection of Davidson Street, northwest corner, about five blocks north of Baltimore Avenue (U.S. Route 40) in Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland.

The house is a mid nineteenth century brick structure with three stories, a stone foundation, and a three bay symmetrical facade (east side). The north and south end walls extend above the roof forming parapets. The south end wall has double internal chimneys. A two and a half story brick wing is attached to the back (west side) with a side porch and balcony along Davidson Street. The line of the low pitch roof, which is covered with metal stripes, runs north/south.

The facade has a recessed entrance in the north bay of the first floor, two windows in the foundation, and a brick belt course just below the third story windows. The windows of the first and second story have double-hung wooden sashes with six-over-six lights. The third story windows are single wooden sashes with three lights each as are the basement windows. The entranceway has a wide board surround with a shouldered architrave with cornice. The doorway is recessed about five feet and has rectangular transom and sidelights. The door is wood frame with one large light, circa 1910. The entranceway is reached by a set of three sandstone steps and on to the doorway by wooden steps.

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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) mid 19th			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> losophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> itarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>400 Decatur Street, along with several similar buildings along Decatur Street, is important as representing a form of domestic Greek Revival architecture that was built in Cumberland in the mid nineteenth century. The common characteristics of these buildings are brick construction with stone foundations, extended end walls forming parapets, and wide surrounds at the entrances. Generally set tight to the sidewalk, these buildings are closely grouped forming rows but actually are detached and semi-detached double houses.</p> <p>It appears that 400 was built in about the early 1850s. Decatur Street was laid out about the mid 1840s as a part of Smith's Addition to Cumberland. The building was converted for apartments several years ago.</p>			

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

## Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 25' x 70'.

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

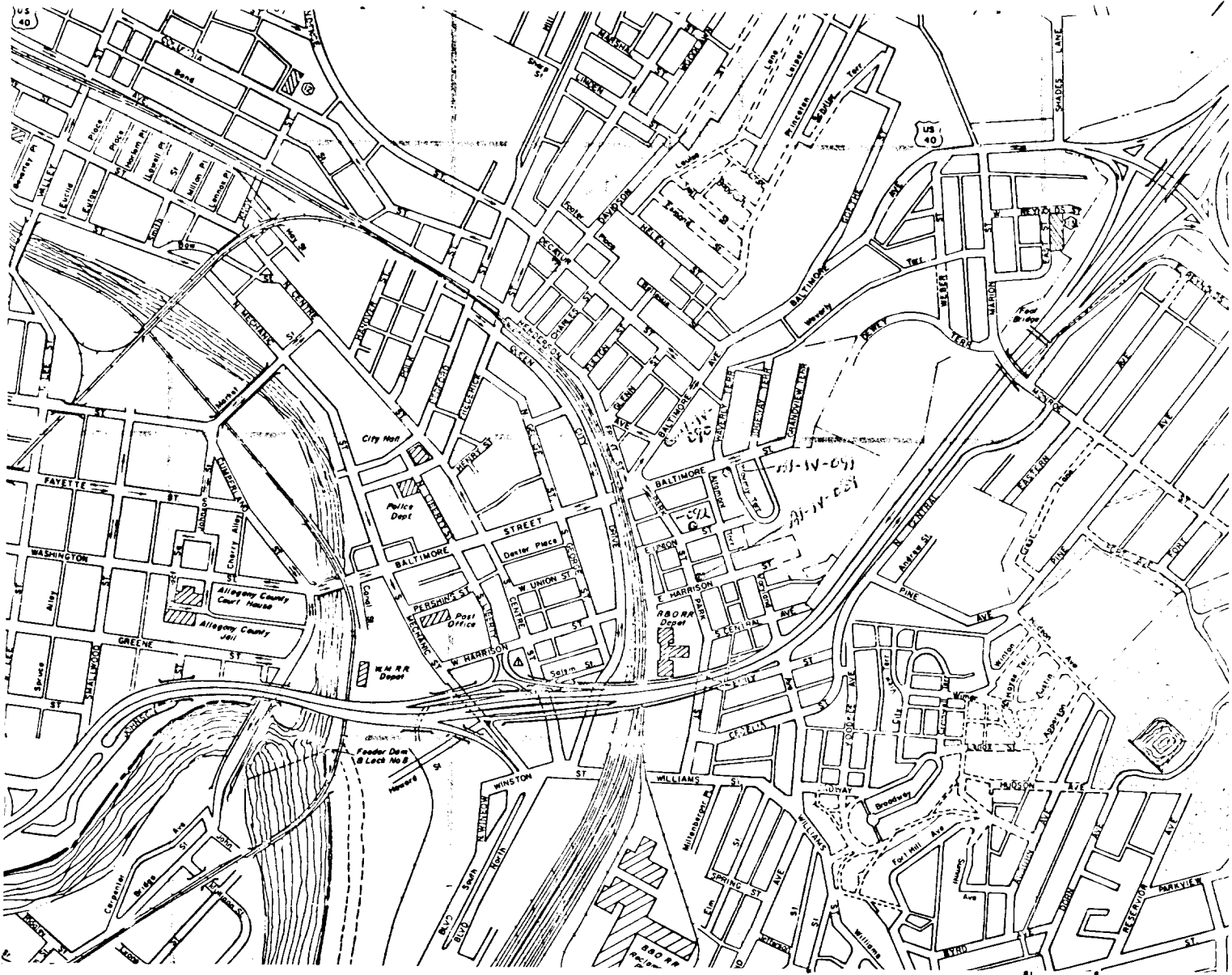
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey		DATE 1-10-75
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.		
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510		
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland	

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Site No.: A1-IV-010  
400 Decatur Street

Map of City of Cumberland,  
Allegany Co., Maryland  
Charles R. Nuzum, City Engineer  
revised 1971  
scale:





400 Decatur St  
Cumberland  
Allegheny Co

SE view

Feb. 1974

RONALD L. ANDREWS

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